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The South Florida Sun

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AVON PARK LOCALS.

There was a very heavy shower on Tuesday afternoon, continuing some time moderately after the heaviest was over. It rained a good deal after dark, in the fore part of the evening. The entire rainfall amounted to 2.47.

John Cardullo, our barber, came on Monday evening according to appointment to be here about three days.

We have just learned this afternoon that our county superintendent of schools, will be at our school next Tuesday afternoon. We hope there will be a good attendance of the patron of the school, particularly as it is his request.

A letter from W. S. Butler under date, Oct. 10th, renewing his subscription to our paper, says he and Mrs. Butler hope to be able to leave Oak Park, Ill., for Avon Park on Nov. 7th, and that Mrs. White, who was here last winter, and a Mrs. Page, who has not been here before, will be in the Sunnyside cottage the coming winter. He also thinks his cottage "Andersonia" is rented for the coming winter.

E. W. Easter expects to leave New Haven, Conn. for Avon Park soon after Nov. 1st.

Rev. H. J. Hayter and wife expect to be here about the last of November. Mrs. Hayter has not been quite as well as usual the past summer. The asthma has been quite troublesome.

Mr. Burleigh's job on the Dart cottage is still going forward. The first of this week W. P. Wernicke and Geo. F. Smith were painting the exterior, which is to receive two coats. F. S. Prior is putting on the wainscoting. Whoever rents that house for the coming season will have a neat and comfortable winter home.

Willie Krause got home last week from Punta Gorda where he has been for a few weeks past in the ice factory there. Every body there was sick with dengue, and not wishing to appear singular he had it with the rest, but he could only afford to lay off for a day or two.

William Krause & Son are hard at work manufacturing fire wood. During the absence of the junior member of the firm, the large stock on hand was reduced to zero, but fortunately the temperature has not been squinting in that direction. By next month it will be well enough to be in readiness to have a little fire in the evening if needed.

A letter from Dr. McCartney under date Oct. 11th., stated that E. N. Coy and family would sail from New York 17th for Jacksonville and the Park. If they come right through they should be here the last of this week.

We understand that Dr. McCartney will be here about November 1st., and that considerable building will be done if lumber can be obtained; and improvements will be made upon the hotel. We presume the hotel will then receive a couple of coats of paint which will greatly increase its attractiveness.

Mrs. H. E. Goodwin is much better we learn. She has been at Lakeland for some two or three weeks past, and will probably be at home soon.

N. Tomlinson will open a meat market soon in the Winograd building and supply meat during the winter and as much longer as the demand will warrant.

Mrs. Bruyere expects her husband home before the end of this month, and her daughter and little children will come with him to make their home here for the present.

There was a noticeable little improvement made some weeks ago near the Congregational church, which we overlooked at the time. We refer to a nice substantial woven wire fence entirely around S. G. Donaldson's home place.

Our readers will notice the discontinuance of B. F. West & Son's advertisements beginning last week. This does not indicate that he is going out of business here. He says he wishes to make some changes in the form of the advertisements and that the discontinuance is only temporary.

We hear that an Avon Park telephone company will be incorporated and a line will be constructed to one of our railroad towns, presumably to that one which shows the greatest interest in having it come. We suppose it will be put on posts this time instead of trees.

Lake Verona was higher last year than before in many years, but now it is ten inches or more higher than it was last year. About 27 years ago, as a result of a series of very rainy years, and American.

the low, flat country of this part of the State was pretty well inundated, and it was pretty generally so throughout the State. At that time Lake Verona was about six feet higher than it is now, coming up almost to those live oaks between the hotel and the lake.

Mrs. Woodruff's place on Pleasant street has recently been cleaned up somewhat. Her son and his family from Benton Harbor, Mich., are expected to occupy it for the winter.

Within a few weeks past Mr. Whittall has planted a good many nice plants and shrubs on H. E. Godwin's place. We hope that Mrs. Godwin will soon be well enough to enjoy her home and pleasant surroundings.

Mr. H. E. Godwin is out on the Kissimmee cattle range to complete the exchange of cattle that he could not finish up at the time he began it on account of the illness of his wife.

About 70 boxes of citrus fruits, mostly grapefruit, have been shipped this week from Avon Park.

We have it upon good authority that the new manager of Hotel Verona, Mr. W. H. Dart, expects to have for the winter a first-class pianist, a governess, a first-class barber, and a violinist. Mr. Dart will spare no pains to make the hotel attractive to his guests, and a most comfortable, healthful, delightful home with happy, congenial people.

Mrs. Kate Minor and her little girl returned home last week leaving the grandparents and Uncle Ellis quite disconsolate. On Tuesday, Oct. 17th, Ellis made up his mind that, come what would, he must see that baby, and so he packed off to Bowling Green.

Cures Winter Cough.

J. E. Gover, 101 N. Main St., Ottawa, Kan., writes: "Every fall it has been my wife's trouble to catch a severe cold, and therefore to cough all winter long. Last fall I got her a bottle of Horehound Syrup. She used it and has been able to sleep soundly all night long. Whenever the cough troubles her, two or three doses stops the cough and she is able to be up and well. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Ed Greene."

For Sale.

A 9-room dwelling house situated on the shore of Lake Lotela, Avon Park. The best location on this beautiful lake. Lot 50x400 feet—runs from lake to street. House close to the lake—barn and shed at the street end of lot. Title perfect. Price \$550 cash. Enquire of O. R. Thacher, Avon Park, Fla., Lock Box 218. 6-3m

For Sale.

A story and a-half cottage in Avon Park in good condition, 5 rooms with furniture. The house is well painted, attractive in appearance, situated within less than 5 minutes walk of either stores and postoffice. The lot is 100x100 feet, pleasantly located. Price \$400, cash. Title perfect. Enquire of W. R. Doolittle, Avon Park, Florida.

STOVE WOOD FOR SALE.

William Krause & Son are now ready to book orders for stove wood cut to any length desired. We have a supply on hand of those lengths mostly called for, and as the season advances and more wood is used, we shall be in readiness to supply all the stove wood used here, and we respectfully solicit orders for all you need.

WILLIAM KRAUSE & SON,
8-11th Avon Park, Fla. 9-1-3m

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and Groceries.
AVON PARK, FLA.

A QUEER ANIMAL.

This Creature Is a Mammal That Lays and Hatches Eggs.

One of the oddest of the many queer and unique creatures that inhabit the antipodean wilds is an animal about the shape and size of the American raccoon. He is not a curiosity on account of his shape or size or because he resembles the coon and lives in Australia, where all nature is topsy turvy, but because of a remarkable habit the female of his species has of laying eggs and hatching them after the manner of birds. This queer egg laying animal, the only creature of the kind on earth as far as the zoologists know, is called a platypus. It inhabits the deep forests of the river bottoms of both Australia and New Zealand and, it is said, has many of the characteristics which distinguish the beaver tribe. The platypus is not a common animal even in its native haunts, and it is yearly becoming scarcer because of the war which the natives wage against it on account of its peculiar egg laying habits. They have a superstitious dread of the harmless little animal because its habits deviate so widely from those generally noted in fur covered, four footed creatures, their hatred of it being so great that no band, whether composed of half a dozen or 100 families, will settle in the vicinity of a lake or stream until the young men "beat the bush" and kill every platypus that can be found.

THE SEA EAGLE.

How This Powerful Pirate Bird Catches Elder Ducks.

In summer the principal food of the white tailed sea eagle is salmon, varied by sea birds common along the inlets of Greenland. In autumn, when the salmon have ascended to the lakes, the birds resort to the sea. They appear to have a special fondness for elder duck, which are taken by strategy. Stationed near the water in a commanding position, with a background of cliff, the color of which assimilates with that of the eagle's plumage, he sits motionless until a flock of ducks settles near him. After a time one or two dive in search of food, but not until all have gone under together does the eagle make a sign. He then glides swiftly to the spot and circles over it close to the water. With his sharp eyes he can detect the birds before they reach the surface. At first he is not usually successful, for as soon as they become aware of the presence of the enemy they dive again instantly. But in time they are obliged to come up for air, and then one of them becomes an easy victim. A full grown elder duck is easily lifted up and borne away in the talons of this powerful pirate.—London Field.

Found.

A place where you can get your tailor-made suits, cloaks, caps, rain-coats, shirts etc., CHEAP with satisfaction guaranteed in quality of goods and fit or money refunded.

Call and see samples and fashions for fall and winter.

M. W. Sargent, agent for
Edward B. Crossman & Co.,
Avon Park, Fla.

FOR RENT

For the Winter or Year.

Four furnished rooms in good repair; kitchen, pantry, dining room and bedroom, all on first floor, separated from rest of house by open passageway. Porch on the north, east and west; best of water from a 70-foot driven well, piped to kitchen porch. Wish to rent to small, nice family who will board one or two occupying other part of house.

O. R. THACHER,
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ANIMAL MUD BATHERS.

The Wild Boar, the Water Buffalo and the Elephant.

Animals when wild constantly die a lingering death from injury to the skin, whether caused, as usually happens in tropical countries, by wounds aggravated by insects or by cutaneous disease; hence the pains which they take in making their toilet and in the use and selection of "cosmetics." Among birds the salt water species often seek fresh water to wash in, different land birds choose different earths in which to dust and also wash in water, and nearly every tropical animal, including the tiger, bathes either in water or in mud. Perhaps the best known mud bathers are the wild boar, the water buffalo and the elephant. The latter has an immense advantage over all other animals in the use of its trunk for dressing wounds. It is at once a syringe, a powdering puff and a hand.

Water, mud and dust are the main "applications" used, though it sometimes covers a sun scorched back with grass or leaves. "Wounded elephants," writes Sir Samuel Baker, "have a marvelous power of recovery when in their wild state, although they have no gifts of surgical knowledge, their simple system being confined to plastering their wounds with mud or blowing dust upon the surface. Dust and mud comprise the entire pharmacopoeia of the elephant, and this is applied upon the most trivial as well as upon the most serious occasions. I have seen them, when in a tank, plaster up a bullet wound with mud taken from the bottom."—London Spectator.

CHINESE SERVANTS.

How They Pass Along Information About Their Employers.

In China it is a common thing for some people to bewail the lack of a cook, while their neighbors have numbers offering themselves directly the vacancy occurs. The reason of this is that each cook hands on to his successor his employer's "character." This he does by means of a saucepan left standing in the kitchen.

If the place be considered a good one a saucepan will be left on the ground with the lid put on properly. If the lid be put on wrong way upmost it means that the place is a good one and that the cook has only left for a time and means to return as soon as he can. If the lid be put half in and half out of the saucepan it indicates that the place is a good one, but the master is stingy. If the lid be on properly and some rice left in it it shows that the servant is quite satisfied with everything concerning the owners of the house, but that he is obliged to leave owing to debts or other causes which inconvenience him. If the employer be in the habit of making his servants pay for lost or broken articles a chalk mark will be found on the bottom of the saucepan, which will not easily be rubbed off.

The Chinese "boy" makes his mark behind the bedroom or pantry door and the waterman his on the bottom of tubs. These signs are said to have been originally adopted by the Chinese from the Tamils.

Why Some Men Are Superstitious.
There are men who have a congenital tendency to distrust fate. With the better half of their minds they may be optimists, but there is a corner which is never free from the pain of fear, the fear of a sort of transcendental spite. Plutarch said of the superstitious that they believed in the gods and believed they to be unfriendly. Some survival of this pagan notion remains to this day even among those whose reasonable conviction and reverent faith alike lead them to totally opposite conclusions. They do not believe they will have more misfortunes if they take a house which is numbered 31, but they avoid the former in order to quiet their own painful imaginations.—London Spectator.

Mara's Voice.
Mme. Mara had a voice that extended from middle C to E in alt and was one of the most facile and flexible ever known. She delighted in the folk music of Hasse, Graun, Benda, Jomelli, Pergolesi, Porpora, Sacchini and others of that school, and with the utmost ease executed passages that are now consigned to solo instruments, such as the violin and flute. She held the stage from 1771 to 1802, with an occasional appearance after the latter date.

Charlotte Cushman.
One icy night Charlotte Cushman and Lawrence Barrett came out of the theater together. The steps were dangerously slippery, and it was with difficulty that they kept their feet at all. As they tottering descended the great actress said to her companion, quite in her Lady Macbeth manner: "Take a good grip on my arm, Lawrence, and if I slip hold on like grim death. But if you slip in the name of heaven let go!"

Explained.
Sapleigh—Why do you dislike cigarettes? Miss Knox—Because they are dangerous. Sapleigh—But I have smoked them for ten years, and they haven't killed me yet. Miss Knox—Yes, I know, and that's one reason why I object to them.—Chicago News.

His Literary Treasures.
"Jones took me to his rooms to see a collection of rare and curious manuscripts." "What were they?" "Receipted tailors' bills."—Cleveland Leader.

The coat is in the fifteenth century first mentioned as an upper garment for men. All the seams were then covered with gold braid or lace.

ESSENTIAL IN BUSINESS.

Ability to Make a Clear, Straightforward Statement.

There are many qualities necessary to success in modern business life, but there is none of more importance to a man holding a position of responsibility than the power to make a plain, straightforward, businesslike statement. The quality of fluency is not so much what is required as the qualities of accuracy and clearness, definiteness and brevity, tact and judgment. If we are not clear and precise it is certain that those who listen to us will be no more clear when we have finished than we are ourselves, probably much less so. We must have no vague and misty ideas about the subject, but they must be crystallized and definite. These qualities of our thought and speech, however, cannot be left to chance. They are attained as the result of effort, of careful and independent thought on the subject for ourselves, of looking at it from many points of view, and thus satisfying ourselves and those who listen to us that we thoroughly understand what we are talking about. Having decided what to say and having properly arranged it, the last point is how to say it. The first essential is to speak distinctly, then to be natural, straightforward, lucid, neither to strive after effect nor to exaggerate, but to give the impression that we are ourselves convinced of the cogency and force of our own contention.—Technics.

HIGH LIVING.

Fests of Cooking and Eating Performed at Dizzy Altitudes.

One of Blondin's most applauded feats was making an omelet while balancing on his rope at a dizzy height. When crossing Niagara he performed this culinary exploit, which he subsequently repeated in England in many strange situations, not the least being above the Thames, which he crossed more than once.

The summit of Salisbury's spire was used as a kitchen in 1655 when a plumber named Hendley, having surmounted its height of 400 feet, proceeded with the utmost nonchalance to cook an ample repast consisting of a shoulder of mutton and a couple of fowls. Again in 1762, when the same spire stood in need of repair, James Crist, to whom the job was intrusted, cooked and ate a dish of beans and bacon, to the astonishment of the crowd collected below.

On one occasion five adventurous spirits under the leadership of a certain Pierre Roubaud, taking with them cooking utensils, scaled the spire of Bayeux cathedral. On reaching the gigantic gilded statue of St. Michael, which then stood on the summit, they proceeded to cook their dinner, which they ate with great gusto, much to the amazement of the onlookers, whose health they drank at the conclusion of the feast.

DIET FOR FEVERS.

Diluted Milk is the Safest Kind of Food to Employ.

During the first few days of any run of fever there should be no attempt made to give food, for, as neither gastric nor pancreatic juices are secreted, the stomach cannot digest food and it putrefies. After the saliva and other secretions have been restored food should be given that is easiest to digest. Milk, which contains all the food principles, is known as the special diet for fevers of any sort. Diluted milk is easier of digestion than the pure milk, which curdles almost as soon as it enters the stomach. One part of lime-water to one of milk is a good proportion. Milk and mineral water is also excellent. Fill a glass half full of milk and then fill up with the mineral water. A little salt increases its palatability. Invalids, by the way, prefer more salt and less sugar in any dish. If plain milk agrees with the patient he may be allowed to have from one to two quarts in twenty-four hours. Milk and barley waters and peptonized milk are all nutritious and digestible. Where a patient gets very tired of the taste of milk the flavor may be varied by adding, with the physician's permission, a little strong coffee or oyster or clam broth.—Chicago News.

The Pimpernel.

Not every one knows what flower is meant by the pimpernel in the famous lines:

The white lake blossom fell into the lake
As the pimpernel dozed on the lea.
It is a pretty English wild flower of the primrose family and commonly known as "poor man's weather glass," because its petals are so sensitive to moisture that they droop before the coming of rain. Garden burnet is sometimes confounded with this English plant because it is called by the French "pimpernelle." But the pimpernel which "dozed on the lea" is a slightly poisonous, acrid plant, not at all suitable in a salad.

Wisdom's End.

"While he was under thirty his parents had too much sense to let him marry."

"While he was under fifty he had too much sense to wed."

"Now that he's eighty-five"—
"Well?"

"He's going to take a wife."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Domestic Needs.

Husband—Anything you want downtown today, my dear? Shall I order some more of that self raising flour? Wife—We have plenty left. But I wish you would stop at an intelligence office and order me a self raising servant girl.—New York Weekly.

CHURCH NOTES.

First M. E. Church, South
Preaching Sunday, 11 a. m.; Sunday night, 7 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday night, 7 p. m.; Junior Epworth League, Sunday, 3 p. m.; Senior Epworth League, Sunday, 4 p. m.; Choir practice, every Friday night, 7 p. m.; Home Mission Society, 3 p. m.; Tuesday after first Sunday each month; Woman's Foreign Society, 3 p. m.; Tuesday after second Sunday each month. Public cordially invited to each of these services.
JAS. P. DEPARRE, P. C.

Baptist Notes.

Now that cooler weather has come and the dengue is diminishing, let us take fresh interest in the Sunday school. We suggest that the use of the banner be resumed.

The "Young People" have changed their meeting time from Sunday afternoon to Friday night. They also elected the following new officers to serve until January, 1906: Vice-president, David Scott; secretary and treasurer, Miss Susie Taylor.

B. P. P. U.—Subject for 7 p. m. Friday was, "What young people can do." Leader, J. E. Rouch. Next Friday's subject and leader will be announced from the pulpit Sunday.

Superintendent Chollar is expected to return from Washington 21st inst.

The pastor's wife and youngest son, Master Morton, are visiting their mother and grandmother in Ocala.

Brother Bean, we are glad to say, is feeling better than he did last week. The children are all well at the Orphanage. They greatly enjoyed a concert several days ago given by Bro. J. L. Jones' phonograph.

Prof. Earnest J. Murphy led our mid-week prayer service very acceptably last Wednesday night. Several visitors were present, and a pleasant hour was spent.

C. J. Smith, Esq., of Lake Weir, worshipped with us Wednesday night.

We welcome Bro. A. B. Halsei to our fellowship. He joined us last Sunday by letter from the church at Anthony, Marion county. He reports prospects quite good for Marion to go "dry" in November.

Pastor Tarpe has begun the publication of a neat monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Lakeland church. We wish it great success.

The young men engaged in orange packing here for the winter are cordially invited to find a church home with us. Let them note the request on last page of "Our Church Bulletin," which is distributed through the congregation each Sunday morning. The pastor desires to meet them at the reading rooms at any time, next Monday night especially.

Our choir is preparing a special program for the fifth Sunday night in this month. We hope to have a large attendance of friends and strangers.

READING ROOM OPENING.
Next Monday night, Providence permitting, the public reading room, which has been open since last Tuesday, will be formally dedicated to the use of the good people of Arcadia. Music and short talks will constitute the program. We invite the pastors of the town and their congregations to participate.

Prizes for Citrus Fruits.
Wilson & Toomer offer the following prizes for citrus fruits grown with the use of their fertilizer:

For the best box of oranges	25.00
For the second best box of oranges	10.00
For the third best box of oranges	5.00
For the best box of grapefruit	25.00
For the second best box of grapefruit	10.00
For the third best box of grapefruit	5.00
For the best box of tangerines	25.00
For the second best box of tangerines	10.00
For the third best box of tangerines	5.00
For the best box of mandarins	25.00
For the second best box of mandarins	10.00
For the third best box of mandarins	5.00

For particulars of the contest address Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co., Jacksonville.

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Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.,
October 9, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Circuit Court at Arcadia, Fla., on November 26, 1905, viz: Christopher P. Lamb, of Maud, Fla., Sec. 36, T. 28 S., R. 27 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
A. S. Johnson, of Maud, Fla.; W. E. Wiggins, of Maud, Fla.; Riley Williams, of Maud, Fla.; Burch Williams, of Maud, Fla.;
W. G. ROBINSON, Register.